

REMARKS

By the present submission, applicant proposes amendments to claims 3 and 5 pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.312. The proposed amendments improve the clarity of claim recitations in the noted claims, and do not raise substantive issues. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner authorize entry of the proposed claim amendments. The present submission is made prior to payment of the issue fee, as required by 37 CFR § 1.312.

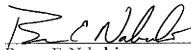
1. Amendments to the Claims 3 and 5:

Dependent claims 3 and 5 are herein amended to ensure proper antecedent basis for the “narrow annular gap” recitation.

2. Conclusion

Entry of this amendment and issuance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. No fee is believed to be required in connection with this submission. If, however, an additional fee is required, or otherwise necessary to cover any deficiency in fees paid, authorization is hereby given to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 503570. If there are any questions, the Office is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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